MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*); His promotion was barred for two years.

MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR (*Vaikam*): May I know who that officer was?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): The Excise Sub-Inspector there.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Was the officer responsible for the tapping? Did he himself tap illicitly? (*Laughter.*)

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): It was his duty to prevent illicit tapping.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): Has not the Range Inspector concurrent jurisdiction, along with the Sub-Inspector, over the areas for which a Sub-Inspector has been appointed?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): The Sub-Inspectors in charge of parties are working under the Range Inspector.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): Was any action taken against the Range Inspector?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): No, not in respect of this case.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): Was the explanation of the Range Inspector called for?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): Yes, Sir.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): Has it been found that the Range Inspector was not in any way responsible in this case?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): Yes.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): Will a Range Inspector be held responsible for illicit tapping within his range, in any case?

PRESIDENT: That is a general question.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): Is not a Range Inspector responsible for illicit tapping within his range?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): Yes, he is also responsible.

State Life Insurance.

18. *MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether complaints have been received by them from private Insurance Companies against the opening of the Public Branch of the State Life Insurance activities;

(*b*) whether they have considered the complaints and, if so, the decision arrived at by them; and

(*c*) whether any other State or Government is running a Public Branch of the State Life Insurance?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes. From the Travancore Co-operative Insurance Society Ltd., No. 1957.

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(*b*) Yes. The President of the Society first requested Government to consider the feasibility of taking over the concern as a whole and merging it with the Public Branch. Later, a deputation waited on the Dewan as per Resolution of their General Body and suggested that Government may confine their activities to Policies of Rs. 1,000 and above. This was not, however, accepted by Government. But Government agreed to take over the business of the society, as originally requested, under certain conditions.

(*c*) Yes, the Mysore State.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): Did the Travancore Co-operative Insurance Society complain that their business had been affected by the Government opening the public branch of the State Life Insurance?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Beyond what has been detailed in the answer, there has been no further complaint from the society.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): What I want to know is whether originally it was the complaint of the society that their business had been affected by the Government opening a public branch of the State Life Insurance.

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): When the Government started the public branch of their insurance, this society raised objection to it. Afterwards they waited upon the Dewan—as is explained in the answer here—and the Government gave them the assurance that they would buy over the business of the society subject to certain conditions. Government have not heard from them since.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): May I know whether it is the policy of Government to discourage co-operative insurance?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Are the Government aware that the working of the Co-operative Insurance Society has suffered on account of the Government opening the public branch of the State Life Insurance?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): No, Sir.

Communities backward in Education.

19. ***MR. K. MAHOMED** (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state the names of communities which are backward in educatiou?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): A* list furnishing the information asked for by the member is laid on the table.

Tahsildars and Second Class Magistrates.

20. ***MR. K. MAHOMED** (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the Tahsildars and Second Class Magistrates who have been in the same station for more than two years?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The required †statement is laid on the table.

* *Vide* Appendix I.

† *Vide* Appendix II

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